

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2013

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour 12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business Fifteen "One Minutes" per side	2:30 – 3:00 p.m.	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**Members are advised that the Official House Photograph for the 113th Congress will take place on the Floor directly following today's first vote series.

H.Res. 300 – Rule providing for consideration of both H.R. 2667 – Authority for Mandate Delay Act (Rep. Griffin – Ways and Means) and H.R. 2668 – "Fairness for American Families Act" (Rep. Young (IN) – Ways and Means) (One Hour of Debate). The Rules committee has recommended one Rule which provides for consideration of H.R. 2667 and H.R. 2668.

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The Rule also instructs that once both bills are passed, the Clerk will be directed to combine them into a single bill to send to the Senate.

The Rules Committee rejected a motion by Mr. McGovern of Massachusetts to consider both bills under an open Rule. Neither of these bills has had committee action, hearings, or markups, and they are coming to the Floor under a Rule that allows no amendments to a bill. These bills are not aimed at helping Americans get access to affordable healthcare, they are merely two more efforts in a long line of cynical attempts to undermine the law. The White House has said that the President would veto both bills. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

H.R. 2667 – Authority for Mandate Delay Act (Rep. Griffin – Ways and Means) (One Hour of Debate). This bill would codify the Administration's July 2nd announcement to delay for one year the Affordable Care Act's requirement that businesses with 50 or more full-time employees/equivalents provide health insurance to their workers or pay a penalty. This policy will now take effect on January 1, 2015, giving the Administration more time to simplify employer reporting requirements and businesses more time to adapt their health coverage to new requirements.

The employer responsibility impacts roughly four percent of America's businesses, and the delay will have minimal impact upon the implementation of other Affordable Care Act policies, coverage estimates and costs. 95% of those employers required by the Affordable Care Act to provide coverage already do so and there is no reason to believe they will not continue to do so. Employees under 400% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) who remain uncovered will be able to use tax credits and other subsidies to purchase insurance in the Federal Marketplace or their state exchange.

Under the Affordable Care Act employer responsibility requirement, an employer with 50 or more full-time employees/equivalents that chooses not to offer adequate, affordable individual and family coverage to its employees must pay an annual penalty of \$2,000 to \$3,000 per full-time worker (minus the first 30 employees) if at least one full-time employee obtains premium tax credit subsidies for Exchange/Marketplace-based coverage.

The Administration has stated that this bill is unnecessary because they've already taken action. The Congressional Budget Office has confirmed that there is no budget effect because the delay will occur even absent legislation.

Bill Text for H.R. 2667:
[PDF Version](#)

[H.R. 2668](#) – “Fairness for American Families Act” (Rep. Young (IN) – Ways and Means) (One Hour of Debate). This bill delays for one year, until 2015, the requirement in the Affordable Care Act that individuals buy health insurance or pay a tax penalty.

The Affordable Care Act provides tax credits and other subsidies for the purchase of health insurance to individuals and families between 100 – 400% FPL who do not have access to affordable employer-offered health insurance coverage. The individual responsibility policy is paired with critical insurance market reforms — guaranteed issue and a prohibition against pre-existing condition exclusions and predatory pricing, among others — allowing the quality of insurance to significantly improve while minimizing premium increases. The Congressional Budget Office has confirmed that delaying the individual responsibility will increase premiums and decrease coverage.

New Marketplace Exchanges are on track to open on October 1 and states are readying themselves. Premium filings have come in lower than expected in many states, with some filings showing premiums reduced by as much as 50 percent.

Bill Text for H.R. 2668:

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Background for H.R. 2668:

[CRS Report](#): Individual Mandate and Related Information Requirements under ACA

TOMORROW’S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Thursday, July 18: The House will meet at 12:00 p.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to begin consideration of [H.R. 5](#) – “Letting Students Down” (Rep. Kline – Education and the Workforce) (Subject to a Rule).

The Daily Quote

“The House is set to vote Wednesday on two bills that would delay implementation of key pieces of the 2010 health reform law. Although the legislation isn’t likely to go anywhere in the Democratic-controlled Senate—and the White House has said it would veto the measures—Wednesday’s vote will reveal how many, if any, [Republican] members believe that anything short of full repeal of the Affordable Care Act could damage their efforts to take the law down. Some conservatives may dislike the bills to delay implementation ‘because it sounds like we’re giving up on repeal,’ said Dean Clancy, vice president of public policy at FreedomWorks.”

- National Journal, 7/17/13